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SUBJECT: AFGHAN VIEWS CONCERNING RECENT U.S.-SOVIET JOINT
STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

1. ON OCTOBER 4, AN EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED WITH MOHAMMAD SADDIQ SALJOOQUE, DIRECTOR OF THE SECOND POLITICAL SECTION (MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA) OF THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE RECENT JOINT STATEMENT OF THE U.S. AND THE U.S.S.R. ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. SALJOOAUE REPEATED THE PRO-FORMA STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT THE NON-SEMITIC AFGHANS CUSTOMARILY EMPLOY IN BEHALF OF THEIR MUSLIM BRETHREN OF PALESTINE AND THE ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES -- AND HOPED THAT THE JOINT STATEMENT WOULD BE HELPFUL. HE WENT ON TO FRANKLY OBSERVE, HOWEVER, SUCH A COORDINATED ACTION ON THE PART OF THE GREAT POWERS IS A REAL SOURCE OF CONCERN TO SMALL, NONALIGNED COUNTRIES WHICH SUSPECT THAT HIGH-LEVEL DEALS ARE BEING REACHED OVER THEIR HEADS AT THEIR EXPENSE. FOR EXAMPLE, HE EXPLAINED, AFGHANISTAN STILL REMEMBERS BITTERLY THE BORDER SETTLEMENTS IMPOSED UPON AMIR ABDUR RAHMAN BY THE JOINT PRESSURE OF BRITISH INDIA AND CZARIST RUSSIA DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

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2. WHILE ON THE TOPIC OF THE RUSSIANS, SALJOOQUE (WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A TOUR OF DUTY AS DCM IN WASHINGTON) CONFESSED THAT HE HAD AT FIRST BEEN HALF-CONVINCED BY FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS THAT DAOUD'S 1973 REVOLUTION HAD BEEN SOVIET-INSPIRED AND THAT THE NEW REPUBLIC WAS UNDER LEFTIST INFLUENCE. SINCE HIS RETURN, HOWEVER, HE HAS NOTED, TO HIS RELIEF AND SATISFACTION, THAT THE DAOUD REGIME IS SKILLFULLY HANDLING THE SOVIET RELATIONSHIP WITH

THE TRADITIONAL AFGHAN WARINESS TOWARD RUSSIANS -- AND THAT THE
FEW LESFIST ELEMENTS THERE ARE IN AFGHANISTAN ARE BEING SQUEEZED
OUT OF THE PICTURE.
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